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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF WILLIAM B. BROWN

1. MR WILLIAM B. BROWN OF THE WASHINGTON OFFICE ON LATIN AMERICA (WOLA), A CHURCH RELATED ORGANIZATION WITH A PARTICULAR INTEREST IN HUMAN RIGHTS, WILL TRAVEL TO COSTA RICA, EL SALVADOR, GUATEMALA AND NICARAGUA DURING THE PERIOD JANUARY 12-25. THE PURPOSE OF HIS TRIP IS TO GAIN FIRST HAND IMPRESSIONS OF THE CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRIES WITH A FOCUS ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION. HE INTENDS TO TALK TO PERSONS INTERESTED IN HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES IN EACH OF THE COUNTRIES. MR. BROWN WILL REQUEST APPOINTMENTS WITH POLITICAL OFFICERS OF ADDRESSEE POSTS UPON ARRIVAL. HE HAS BEEN GIVEN COUNTRY BRIEFINGS BY ARA/CEN DESK OFFICERS.

2. FYI. WOLA IS HIGHLY CRITICAL OF U.S. POLICY TOWARD LATIN AMERICA AND IS ALSO VERY CRITICAL OF RIGHT WING LATIN AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS. END FYI. KISSINGER

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